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In re application of:

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For: Storage-Related Accounting System

and Method of the Same

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In connection with the Petition to Make Special submitted herewith, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.